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TO AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO IMMEDIATE

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SUBJ: SOMALI VISA FOR CARL BLACKBURN

REF: MOGADISCIO 0324; DAR 0682; STATE 044233

1. AMBASSADOR CALLED ON HIS SOMALI COUNTERPART AT NOON TODAY TO DISCUSS SOMALI REJECTION BLACKBURN VISA APPLICATION. (FYI: SOMALI EMBASSY DAR REJECTION DATED 28 FEBRUARY IN LETTER SIGNED BY SOMALI CHARGE. AMBASSADOR ABDURAHMAN RETURNED NIGHT OF 6 MARCH FROM ABORTED OAU MEETING ADDIS AND STOPOVER NAIROBI. END FYI.)
2. SOMALI AMBASSADOR FULL OF APOLOGIES ABOUT VISA TURNDOWN AND REGRETTED THAT NOTE VERBALE DID NOT ACCOMPANY VISA APPLICATION REQUEST. HE SAID INFORMAL LETTER BY EMBOFF "NOT SUFFICIENTLY OFFICIAL" AND THAT CHARGE HAD THEREFORE PASSED ON TO MOGADISCIO DECISION AS TO WHETHER ISSUE VISA.
3. SOMALI AMBASSADOR SAID THAT IF NOTE VERBALE HAD ACCOMPANIED APPLICATION SOMALI EMBASSY HERE COULD HAVE ISSUED VISA WITHOUT REFERENCE TO MOGADISCIO.
4. TO PREVENT SIMILAR UNTOWARD INCIDENT IN FUTURE, SOMALI AMBASSADOR ASKED IF HE COULD BE ADVISED DIRECTLY EITHER VIA NOTE VERBALE OR BY AMERICAN AMBASSADOR OF APPLICATIONS AND THEY

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WOULD BE HANDLED LOCALLY.

5. INSOFAR AS REFERENCE MATTER, SOMALI AMBASSADOR NOW FEELS THAT SINCE ACTION REFERRED MOGADISCIO, REVERSAL DECISION MUST BE MADE THERE AND HE INTENDS COMMUNICATING SUPPORT FOR SUCH ACTION.

6. AMBASSADOR CARTER MENTIONED THREE TDY VISITS IN MARCH, JUNE AND JULY AND ABDURAHMAN NOTED THESE DATES.

7. SOMALI AMBASSADOR SAID HE HAD SEEN AMBASSADOR ADDOU AT NAIROBI AIRPORT ON WEDNESDAY, 6 MARCH AND HE APPARENTLY DEPARTING NAIROBI TODAY FOR MOGADISCIO.
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